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Dear Howard,

You are a fine photographer! Those are thoroughly professional pictures.

Thanks for your good wishes. We have accumulated 165 years between us and they do manifest themselves constantly. Lil had an attack of diverticulitis and while most of the discomfort seems to have passed she has not recovered her apetite. I used to take her walking but she has not been up to that and that has cut my own walking back some. However, doing some shopping at five yesterday morning I managed to get some 45 minutes of walking inside the supermarket at the mall. I've physical therapy three times a week and use the machines as much as permitted, for 32 minutes. It does seem to help somewhat in keeping my knees and hip from wanting to throw me.

Do not worry about Duane's catarqct removal. Lil had two of them, I one. They will not remove the cataract from my left eye because of my blood situation. But with Lil and with the new learning the local opthalmalogist not only said he would improve her vision and correct some of the defects in it with which shewas born, he did it. For the first time she makes out well without glasses. She uses them for fine print only!

There is a fine opthalmalogist in your area of whom I have a high opinion although we've never met, Gary Aguilar. His office is 909 Hyde St. He is interested in the medical evidence. But he has yet to earn from Shapespeare that it is not the many oaths that are sworn.

If Lucas' interest is broader than Tuskegee, I believe I have what could walk James Earl Ray. New evidence. From the FBI's files. Afttr I returned from memphis I started getting a prosaic adcpunt on paper to serve more as a reminder than as an outline, laid it aside when I filed the King lawsuit in 1975 and did not return to it because of black and other indifference and because I believed I could do more good working on JFK. His lawyer of recent years, an American who became a barrister in London and apprently a successful one, has written me several times recently to express his appreciation and respect for what I did (of which he tried to learn remarkably little) and to tell me that he has a book on it out soon. I am inclined to believe that abuses of fair trial in the Simpson case may increase interest in that subject in particular and I do have what the FBI suppressed- and lied about. I wish I knew someone who would not consider himself Perry mason and would do the work of learning the material and making use of it. This can be quite important and it should be easy to make it both exciting and interesting as well as very worthwhile. If anyone were interesting I strongly recommend an oral history on it because the information comes from more than 75,000 pages besides my own work some of which is on tape and that, too, is scattered. I also have little confidence that Ray's current lawyer has "solved"

the case. Besides which my major intereet is in getting as much on paper as is now possible for me while I am still able to do that. I'm working on three book manuscripts now, really four. Two are completed in rough draft and I'm adding to them. One on Mailer's sad and apathetic tales is more than 100,000 words and going on. One, "Inside the JFK Assassination Industry," is much longer, as I recall about 65 chapters. And my chapters are not short!

If your Fire Island vacation is in the New York Fire Island, I hope you can find time for a slight detour. Duane should then feel easier about what I understand is the safest of all surgeries now. For those whose blood behaves normally, as mine doesnot.

You should feel good that your photography book is about to be done! Congratulations.

I asked someone to let you know that my NEVER AGAIN!, which I completed in 1992, was not longer being sat upon. But I've not had even an acknoweldgement of my six requests for copies so I've none to send to friends or to those who helped. McKnight says it is the best and most important of all. Wrone and others agree. They did not butcher it as they did Case Open but they were careless and worse. They even forget to include the index they'd had prepared!

Our best to you both,

Harold

Referring to my King work about as I do does not reflect how much of it is so like what I used to see in movies, story-book stuff. This is part of the reason I suggested above that it would be good to do an oral history and it should be in depth to record all the many little things I did not put on paper because I believed I'd recall them when two decades ago I did write some of it. To flesh out later. I have an appreciable amount of some of that on tape. But not what I did to end the threats to me, overt threats, "You are the son-of-a-bitch I'm going to get!" by the assistant State AG in charge of the case. That ended with a real Hollywood touch! Or how the case judge, while writing out an order for a trial, under Tenn. law for a "new trial," had a fatal heart attack precipitated by an assistant Memphis DA. Who then developed a stutter and was made a judge. I wasn't Sam Spade but I did develop a solid case. Ray could not have been the assassin and the FBI and DA both knew it. That is at the FBI's Records. That rifle wasn't used and there was no shot from that window. My work exculpated Ray and the judge held, by ignoring all the sworn testimony and other evidence before him, in the words he used, guilt or innocence were not material to what was before him, that Ray had entered his plea voluntarily and knowingly and had had effective assistance of counsel, Percy Foreman. Who later threw a conniption when he thought of my name. Foreman also had a history of putting his clients away, including one for H.L.Hunt's sons, of which I have documentary proof.